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SUBJECT: CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS

THIS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS HUMAN RIGHTS RELATED DEVELOPMENTS NOVEMBER
25 - 26.

1. GOC CLARIFIES STATUS OF THREE RELATIVES OF MISSING: A MINISTRY
OF INTERIOR STATEMENT PUBLISHED BY ALL SANTIAGO NEWSPAPERS
NOV 26 REPORTS THAT THE GOC RELIED UPON THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED
IN DECREE LAW 604 (AUGUST 1974) TO PROHIBIT THE ENTRY OF THREE
RELATIVES OF MISSING CHILEANS. THE STATEMENT SAYS THEIR
READMISSION INTO CHILE " WILL BE AUTHORIZED" ONCE THE PROVISIONS
OF DL 604 HAVE BEEN MET. (COMMENT: 74 SANTIAGO 4803 REPORTED THE
PROVISIONS OF DL 604 WHICH EMPOWERS THE GOC TO PRHIBIT THE ENTRY
INTO CHILE OF ANY PERSON WHO HAS DEFAMED OR DEPRECATED CHILE
ABROAD OR ABETS THE CREATION OF A HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARD CHILE.
BY DECREES 1173 AND 1175 THE GOC APPLIED THE DL TO THE THREE
WOMEN FOR THEIR STATEMENT IN THE US AND CANADA. ACCORDING TO DL
604 THEIR PASSPORTS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE CANCELLED. THE THREE
CAN APPLY FOR READMISSION THROUGH ANY CHILEAN CONSULATE BUT THE
COMMITMANTS REQUIRED FOR FAVORABLE APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION
HAVE SEEMED DEMEANING TO MANY (THE PROCEDURE IS APPARENTLY IDENTICAL
TO THAT REQUIRED UNDER DL 81 -- THE DECREE LAW APPLIED IN CASES
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OF EXPUSION. DL 604 GIVES THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR DISCRETIONARY
AUTHORITY TO APPROVE APPLICATIONS. THE MINISTRY'S STATEMENT OF
NOVEMBER 25 SPECIFICALLY STATES: " THE GOVERNMENT WILL AUTORIZER
THEIR RETURN ONCE THE REQUIREMENTS OF DL 604 HAVE BEEN MET."
WHETHER THE GOC HAS RETAINED DESCRETIONARY AUTHORITY IS A LEGAL
MATTER WHETHER THE WOMEN WILL WISH TO APPLY AT ALL IS ANOTHER ISSUE.

2. GOC ORDERS PRESS BLACKOUT ON SEVEN LABOR LEADERS. SANTIAGO NEWS-PAPERS REPORTED NOV 26 THAT GENERAL ENRIQUE MOREL WHO ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE SANTIAGO EMERGENCY ZONE A FEW WEEKS AGO, ISSUED BANDO 111 NOVEMBER 25. THE BANDO IMPOSES A TOTAL NEWS BLACKOUT ON ANYTHING RELATING TO THE SEVEN LABOR LEADERS PRESIENT PINOCHET ORDERED BANISHED ON NOVEMBER 23. THE BANDO IS BASED ON THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 34 OF LAW 12927 -- CHILE'S PRE-COUP INTERNAL SECURITY LAW WHICH HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY AMENDED BY THE JUNTA. (COMMENT: THE STILL SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS OF MILTON PUGA TO AVOID DETEINTION AND THE EXPECTED RETURN OF TWO CLAT LEADERS FROM COSTA RICA NOVEMBER 29 MUST HAVE CAUSED THE GOC TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE POPULARITY OF PINOCHET'S TOUGH STAND ON THE 23RD.)

3. GOC CANCELS RADIO BROADCASTING LICENSES: SUBSECRETARY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS COLONEL FERNANDEZ FERNANDEZ ANNOUNCED THAT AS PART OF A NATIONWIDE REVIEW OF EXPIRED BROADCAST LICENSES A NUMBER OF STATIONS WILL BE FORCED TO SHUTDOWN AS OF DECEMBER 31. AT LEAST SEVEN OF THE STATIONS BELONG TO THE NETWORK RADIO COOPERATIVA, BEST KNOWN FOR ITS CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC ORIENTATION. (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE PRINCIPAL TRANSMITTER IN SANTIAGO IS NOT EFFECTED, THE MEASURE WILL LIKELY PUT COOPERATIVA OUT OF BUSINESS. THE GOC HAS NOT FORECLOSED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE STATIONS WILL BE RELICENSED TO THE SAME OWNERS AND WE DO NOT KNOW IF THERE ARE POLITICAL ANGLES WITH OTHER STATIONS INVOLVED, BUT SUSPECT THERE ARE IN A NUMBER OF CASES. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. GOC ACKNOWLEDGES DETENTION: TWENTY ONE YEAR OLD VICENTE PIZZARO VIDAL WAS SHISKED INTO A VEHICLE THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 25 AS HE WAS ENTERING THE MONTESORI SCHOOL WHERE HE TEACHES. BY NOVEMBER 26 THE GOC ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD BEEN DETAINED BY SECURITY FORCES (BY MORNING OF NOVEMBER 26) AFTER SENSATIONALIST "LA SEGUNDA" ON THE 25TH HAD BANNERED "KIDNAPPING", AND LAWYERS FOR PIZZARO'S FAMILY HAD FILED HABEAS CORPUS PETITIONS. (COMMENT: THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DETENTION APPEARED OMINOUS AT FIRST. HOWEVER PIZZARO WAS PICKED UP IN THE PRESENCE OF NUMEROUS WITNESSES AND, WITH SOME PRODDING, THE GOC ACKNOWLEDGED RESPONSIBILITY IN LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. WE DO NOT KNOW WHY HE WAS APPREHENDED. A RADIO REPORT ALLEGING THAT HE WORKED PARTTIME WITH THE VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY CAME AS A SURPRISE TO THE VICARIATE WHEN WE TRIED TO CHECK IT OUT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.)

5. "EL MERCURIO" PUBLISHES DRAFT CHILE RESOLUTION: AUTHORITATIVE "MERCUIRO" NOVEMBER 26 HAS A LONG ARTICLE ON UNGA ACTIVITY ON THE ALLANA REPORT, GOC REBUTTALS TO THAT REPORT, AND WORK ON THE CHILE RESOLUTION. IT PUBLISHES THE FULL TEXT OF WHAT IT DESCRIBES AS THE RESULT OF MERGING THE UK DRAFT INTO THE U.S., DUTCH, SWEDISH AND CUBAN DRAFT.

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